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11	In the Matter of the Accusation Against: Case No. 917-A			
12	STEVEN DOYLE PRIVETT			
13	3579 East Foothill Blvd., #440 Pasadena, CA 91107 A C C U S A T I O N			
14	Civil Engineer License No. C 32083			
15	D. San J.			
16	Respondent.			
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18	Complainant alleges:			
19	PARTIES			
20	1. David E. Brown ("Complainant") brings this Accusation solely in his official cap	acity		
21	as the Executive Officer of the Board for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors,			
22	Department of Consumer Affairs.			
23	2. On or about August 14, 1980, the Board for Professional Engineers and Land			
24	Surveyors issued Civil Engineer License Number C 32083 to Steven Doyle Privett			
25	("Respondent"). The Civil Engineer License was in full force and effect at all times relevant to			
26	the charges brought herein. The Civil Engineer License expired on December 31, 2006, and has			
27	not been renewed.			
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JURISDICTION

3. This Accusation is brought before the Board for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors ("Board"), Department of Consumer Affairs, under the authority of the following laws. All section references are to the Business and Professions Code unless otherwise indicated.

STATUTORY PROVISIONS

- 4. Section 118, subdivision (b), of the Code provides that the suspension, expiration, surrender, or cancellation of a license shall not deprive the Board of jurisdiction to proceed with a disciplinary action during the period within which the license may be renewed, restored, reissued or reinstated.
 - 5. Section 6749, subdivision (a), states, in pertinent part:

"A professional engineer shall use a written contract when contracting to provide professional engineering services to a client pursuant to this chapter. The written contract shall be executed by the professional engineer and the client, or his or her representative, prior to the professional engineer commencing work, unless the client knowingly states in writing that work may be commenced before the contract is executed. The written contract shall include, but not be limited to, all of the following:

- "(1) A description of the services to be provided to the client by the professional engineer.
- "(2) A description of any basis of compensation applicable to the contract, and the method of payment agreed upon by the parties.
- "(3) The name, address, and license or certificate number of the professional engineer, and the name and address of the client.
- "(4) A description of the procedure that the professional engineer and the client will use to accommodate additional services.
 - "(5) A description of the procedure to be used by any party to terminate the contract. . . . "
- 6. Section 6775 states, in pertinent part, that "[T]he board may reprove, suspend for a period not to exceed two years, or revoke the certificate of any professional engineer registered under this chapter:

. . . .

1	"(d) Who has been found guilty by the board of any breach or violation of a contract to
2	provide professional engineering services.
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4	"(h) Who violates any provision of this chapter."
5	REGULATORY PROVISIONS
6	7. California Code of Regulation, title 16, section 412 states:
7	"Each person who is an applicant for, or a holder of, a certificate or license issued by the
8	Board under provisions of the Professional Engineers Act or the Professional Land Surveyors'
9	Act shall file his/her address with the Board office. Within thirty (30) days after changing
10	addresses, he/she shall notify the Board office of such change."
11	8. California Code of Regulation, title 16, section 473.3, subdivision (b) states:
12	"Failure of the cited person to abate the violation or to pay the fine within the time allowed
13	is grounds for suspension or revocation of the cited person's license."
14	COST RECOVERY
15	9. Section 125.3 of the Code provides, in pertinent part, that the
16	Board/Registrar/Director may request the administrative law judge to direct a licentiate found to
17	have committed a violation or violations of the licensing act to pay a sum not to exceed the
18	reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of the case.
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SOUTH ARROYO PROJECT

- On or about March 31, 2006, Respondent contracted with Stephen L. and Lynn R. to perform civil engineering services related to a structural inspection of a property located at 814 South Arroyo Boulevard, Pasadena, California (South Arroyo project). On or about March 31. 2006, Respondent performed an inspection of the South Arroyo project and Stephen L. wrote a \$400.00 check to Respondent on the same date. Respondent cashed the check on or about April 3, 2006. Respondent represented to Stephen L. and Lynn R. that a full written report would be provided to them within a few days of the inspection. At no time prior to providing professional engineering services did Respondent execute a written contract with Stephen L. or Lynn R. To this date, they have not received a copy of the report. To this date, they have not received a refund of \$400.00 charged by Respondent.
- 11. On or about June 29, 2006, Board's Enforcement Analyst Jacqueline Jenkins sent correspondent via USPS First-Class mail, with delivery confirmation, regarding the South Arroyo project to Respondent's address of record at 3579 East Foothill, No 440, Pasadena, California 91107. The correspondent was returned as "Address Unknown."

FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Contract Requirement Violations)

12.	Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under section 6775, subdivision (h), in
conjunctio	n with section 6749, subdivision (a), in that on the South Arroyo Project, he failed to
execute a v	written contract to provide professional engineering services. Complainant refers to
and by refe	erence incorporates the allegations set forth in paragraph 10, inclusive, as though set
forth fully.	

SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Breach of Contract)

13. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under section 6775, subdivision (d), in that on the South Arroyo Project, he breached or was in violation of contract terms when he failed to provide a written report related to professional engineering services. Complainant refers to and by reference incorporates the allegations set forth in paragraph 10, inclusive, as though set forth fully.

THIRD CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Failure to Notify Board of Address Change)

14. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under section 6775, subdivision (h), in conjunction with California Code of Regulation, title 16, section 412 in that he failed to notify the Board of a change of address within thirty (30) days. Complainant refers to and by reference incorporates the allegations set forth in paragraph 11, inclusive, as though set forth fully.

FOURTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Failure to Comply with Board Citation)

15. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under section 6775, subdivision (h), in conjunction with California Code of Regulation, title 16, section 473.3, subdivision (b), in that he failed to comply with Citation Order 5224-L issued to Respondent on September 27, 2007 by the Board. The circumstances of the citation are that Respondent was ordered to cease and desist violating Business and Professions Code sections 6749 and 6775, subdivision (b). Respondent was also ordered to pay an administrative fine of \$500.00. Respondent has failed to pay the administrative fine.

DISCIPLINE CONSIDERATIONS

16. To determine the degree of discipline, if any, to be imposed on Respondent,
Complainant alleges that on or about September 27, 2007, in a prior action, the Board issued
Citation Number 5224-L and ordered Respondent to cease and desist violating Business and
Professions Code sections 6749 and 6775, subdivision (b). Respondent failed to comply with

1	Citation Order 5224-L and failed to pay an administrative fine of \$500.00. To dat	e, Respondent			
2	has not complied with Citation Order 5224-L.				
3	PRAYER				
4	WHEREFORE, Complainant requests that a hearing be held on the matters	herein alleged.			
5	and that following the hearing, the Board for Professional Engineers and Land Sur	veyors issue a			
6	decision:				
7	Revoking or suspending Civil Engineer License Number C 32083, issu	ued to Steven			
8	Doyle Privett;				
9	Ordering Steven Doyle Privett to pay the Board for Professional Engir	neers and Land			
10	Surveyors the reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of this case, p	ursuant to			
11	Business and Professions Code section 125.3;				
12	3. Taking such other and further action as deemed necessary and proper.				
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14	DATED: Aunt 4, 2010 Original Signed DAVIDE. BROWN				
15	DAVID E. BROWN				
16	Executive Officer Board for Professional Engineers and Lar Department of Consumer Affairs	id Surveyors			
17	State of California Complainant				
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